

# AMA-CHEWER

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Jan. Feb. 1952

## PROGRAMS

Jan. 22nd Trip through WFBM-TV. (And it was a FB trip. Our thanks to Louis Bergenroth, W9KQG for his tour trip.)

Jan. 29th Committee announcements. Organizational plans and program material.

Feb. 5th

Feb. 12th

Feb. 19th This will be a testing program of those wanting a trial run on the Federal Communications Test which will be held Wednesday and Thursday of the same week. (See announcement in this issue.)

On this program typical questions will be answered by those wanting to try the test and the papers will be graded then and there and a couple of prizes are offered to the ones having the best scoring.

Following the test and awarding of the prizes a period devoted to answering questions you may have concerning points you have missed or are not familiar with will be held. If you are planning on taking the regular test then come and make a trial run at this simulated test. Everyone is welcome.

Feb. 20th and 21st These two days are the ones that the RI will be in town. See announcement in this issue as to time and place.

Feb. 26th Business meeting.

## NEW YEAR NEW OFFICERS

The new officers have been installed and plans for activities are now under way. Committees will be named for operational details and if you are chosen you are requested to function to your upmost. A lot of things can be accomplished if all will do their part and not leave it to George to do it.

If you head a committee you can help ye editor by writing down your accomplishments for publication in your paper. Let's all help.



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1952 OFFICERS IRC

Pres.	Gerald Todd, W9ATS	3601 English Ave.	BL 3936
V. Pres.	Charles Parker, W9KCP	2118 N. Jefferson	HI 8388
Secy.	Delbert Miller, NC	59 N. Bolton	BL 1778
Treas. *	Clarence Pence, NC	2969 N. Dearborn St.	CH 5459
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Dir.	D. J. Angus, W9CYQ	310 N. Illinois St.	PL 1331
Dir.	Rollie Boughton, W9PMM	1430 N. LaSalle St.	AT 6033

\* Ralph Mays will replace Clarence Pence after Feb. 1st.

These are the officers that the club has selected to serve during the year 1952. Let's help them to make 1952 even a bigger year than the last. Your help and suggestions are earnestly requested so that activities can be planned and executed. Start at once with your help. These officers can be contacted for information about the club, suggestions for programs, suggestions for activities, etc. They can make the club the type of club that you want by your act of contacting them and letting them know just what it is that you have in mind.

#### NEW MEMBERS

The following members have been voted into membership in the IRC. We welcome them into our ranks and hope that they may benefit from their association with the club and further that they may join fully in its operation.

Vaden Brizendine, W9HIT  
Charles A. Schultz  
M.E. Lundfelt, W0QQM

563 N. Hamilton Ave. AT 0317  
270 Leeds Ave.  
Sherwood Apts.

#### FCC EXAMINATIONS

Amateur and commercial examinations will be held in Indianapolis Feb. 20 and 21st. Changes in procedure require that you study the following announcement which is copied from the FCC notice. This change is made apparently for the purpose of spreading out the number of amateurs taking the test, this will be more so now that the newer classes of amateur licenses are to be examined.

For those taking the test this time you may be helped by a program to be held at the club - the Tuesday meeting preceding the tests. See program page on front of this issue.

#### COMMERCIAL AND AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR EXAMINATIONS Indianapolis, Indiana

U. S. Civil Service Examination Room 526 Federal Building

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Wednesday, February 20, 1952 - 9:00 AM  
All examinations must be completed by 5:00 PM

COMMERCIAL EXAMINATIONS: All classes  
AMATEUR EXAMINATIONS: As provided below

No amateur code examinations will be conducted on this day. Amateur examinations will be restricted to the following categories:

1. Holders of valid General Class (formerly Class B) licenses who are applying for the Advanced Class license.
2. Holders of Novice Class licenses, (except those who obtained the license by mail examination) applying for only the



# Technician Class license.

3. Holders of Commercial First or Second Class Radiotelegraph operator licenses who are eligible to receive credit for the 13 words per minute or the 5 words per minute code test.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1952 -- 9:00 AM

All examinations must be completed by 3:00 PM

AMATEUR EXAMINATIONS: All amateur examinations requiring code test.

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If you intend to appear for examination you should, if you have not already done so:

- (a) Advise the Office of Chief Engineer 1300 U. S. Court House, Chicago 4, Illinois of your intention
- (b) State class of examination desired.
- (c) Request the necessary forms in order that they may be completed in advance and submitted at the time of your appearance.

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There you are fellows. Study the above so that you may determine the day of your appearance. You can see though that if it requires a code test that your day is Thursday, Feb. 21 at 9:00 AM. Best of luck to you and if you want a trial run be sure to attend the club meeting Tuesday Feb. 19, 1952 when a written Question and Answer test will be given and graded so that you may see just what you are weak on. Following the grading discussion about missed questions will be held so that you may learn and correct your mistakes. The questions used will be similar to those used in the actual test.

Everyone is invited to this test session, in fact you are welcome to any meeting of the club. Come on up and get acquainted.

HARRY

## CLUB BIRTHDAY

Last issue we stated that the actual date of the start of the Indianapolis Radio Club would appear in this issue. At the time of the last printing we did not have the exact date but contacting D. J. Angus, W9CYQ he was supplied with the date. It follows.

August 28, 1914.

Yes, that is the date and we make the claim that we are the oldest radio club composed of amateurs to hold continuous meetings. We state this as being the oldest in the US but maybe it could as well be the world.

## Volunteers

When we moved to the Servicemen's Center we were to maintain Saturday and Sunday tours of duty at the Club Station. We are reminded that this has not been done with regularity. Let's put our name on the list now before we are asked again. Plenty of the Servicemen are interested in the station and want to talk about it or see it in operation so why not put in a Sunday or Saturday afternoon or even-



ing at the station and meet these fellows. A new outfit will soon be at Camp Atterbury and this will include a bunch of new hams so they will want to operate the station. Let's get on down and make them welcome. With our membership and each one doing his part it would mean only that each member would have to stand a tour duty once or twice a year if each did his part. Isn't that quite a small effort on our part for those that are seeking friends away from a home they weren't anxious to leave? See you there.

#### CLASSIFIED

You are invited to list your equipment, parts, etc. for sale under this heading. 25¢ for each three lines or fraction thereof, This goes into the club treasury for stamps, paper, etc.

WILL SWAP O - 150 Microamp and O - 10 volts AC 1000 ohm per volt meters for dial indicator, spinning reel or what have you. Call CA. 6285 after 6 PM or Sunday 10 AM to 6 PM. George Seamon, 450 E. Walnut St. #306.

#### STARTING

Robert Witham A Sophomore at Tech has the call WNPPS (Pretty Powerful Stuff). He is one of 20 boys in the Tech Radio Club.

Speaking of Tech, Jerry Bramblett who gives his hobby, Ham radio, a boost there by teaching radio and sponsoring the Tech Radio Club reported the loss of some equipment over the Thanksgiving holiday's last year. Their new Bud Oscillator, a Key on a Masonite base, a Nilson Code Manual and Instrograph tapes were taken during those days the school was closed for vacation. Most of the items missing were either painted with the ATS lettering or had Jerry's own name in or on it. If you should see any of the above or suspect that the lettering has been scraped off you are asked to contact Jerry Bramblett through the Tech office.

The code class should be starting soon at Tech too. Look for the announcement in the papers.

#### CONTRIBUTED

The following portion of Amachewer has been turned into the editor for publication. This represents quite a lump for one, yes one of our members to write up in one month. Can't you as an individual help along too by doing even one half as well.



It is rumored by the 1952 Program Committee that one of the members will in the near future present a club program on FCC type questions and answers on amateur radio theory and practice. The notes and the foundation work for such a program having been planned for some time. Announcement will be made before-hand and anyone having recently taken the FCC examination or contemplating taking them shouldn't miss this, as it will prove to be good experience for them. The exam will be given and graded all in one short evening. It promises



to be a lulu, and you are left with the thought that it may be tougher than heck and again it may be easy as anything. But anyhow you won't have to wait for 90 days for results. Hi. Prizes will be given for this contest. (Ed. This has now been scheduled as a program for Feb. 19th.)

You fellows buying certain items of gear or components recently have been confronted with government NPA order NPA M-85 DO-MRO and should all familiarize yourselves with it. It was publicized in recent radio magazines and it is for our use. Whether we like or not we have to abide by it so let's go along with the dealer who is helping us out in the present emergency by giving the defense priority info when required and requested.

What ever happened to the section dubbed "Can You Imagine" which used to appear in Hma-Chewer? Any contributions toward that end which are turned in to a club official may help to get this feature revived.

One enterprising local ham has compiled a listing of all hams in the Indianapolis area and has it both by call-signs and names listings, and is selling it to interested parties to be used for advertising or mailing list purposes. He also reports several sales on a similar listing of hams of the whole state of Indiana. Where does a guy find time and energy for all that sort of stuff? Hi. (Ed. Guess we'll have to publish our own listing sans advertising as each contact washes out as we try to get it going. It is printed except for the front and end page. In fact it is probably our own list that was used for the local listing.)

Recent newspaper accounts of the story of the freighter Flying Enterprise which sank before being towed completely into harbor brought out several good ham radio publicity accounts involving local hams. Seems that neon light Harold Ferguson, W9APG had contacted this Captain Carlsen. Also several contacts were held with him by other local hams. Carlsen was a 10 meter merchant marine mobile operator. One local operator looked up details in the callbook and finds that Capt. Carlsen is listed as LA7KA

Most of the local hams have met and know or have heard of Captain Batts of the Indianapolis City Police system. He has had much contact with the Indianapolis Radio Club activities and also has shown a desire to employ licensed hams in the radio engineering and technician fields with the city police radio system. (Ed he knows that the ham will keep it going) Capt. Batts resigned his position as of the first of this year and is going into the business world. All of the local ham gang wish him every success.

Ye ed notes that with the above resignation of Capt. Batts that the local set up of Civilian Defense and our part with communications must be started or renewed again. The sooner we take this up with Capt's successor the sooner we will be fitted into the local picture.

A recent newspaper account of a fellow who was eligible for parole and received help in getting this accomplished was carried in the papers. Seems this fellow had not so much criminal intent as he did ignorance of the law. He had years ago found through diligent search, a ring belonging to a local ham and returned it to the owner.



After 11 years Ray Forbes, W9HNS was able and willing to do this fellow a return favor by helping to get him into a useful job upon his release from the law. Congratulations, Ray, a swell action on your part.

Local, W9NH, Sam Taggart scored very high on the recent ARRL CD party or contest scoring ledger. Sam works at CAA and is really active in ham radio.

Carl Hanson W9WRE is active on 160 meter phone these days. Wish he would come on down to club meeting sometime and get more of the local boys enthused about this band.

Attendance prize for the past year's meetings of the Indianapolis Radio Club went to W9DPL, Howard Severeid, followed by Ron Williams W9JVF a very close runner-up. A new contest has or is being set up for 1952. Attendance records are again being kept for the contest.

Local hams who have received the manual of articles on TVI suppression published and sent free by Remington Rand Inc. as announced at Club and in recent issue of QST say that Phil Rand, W1DBM has done a real service for hams in this work, as it's a wonderful publication. Better send for yours now, look up the details in QST. (Ed note. The Jan. 1952 issue of the Ground Wave published by the St. Paul, Minn. Radio Club states that they sent for a number of copies of the above and have it for distribution at their club. Perhaps we may do the same here.)

What is this we hear about Byron Fortner, W9FYM going to get a commercial second class telegraph license again? Could it be he yearns for the smell of salt-water in his nostrils and the pitching of a merchant marine ship under his feet again? (Ed Sounds as the writer had gone through that.)

#### NOVICE NEWS SECTION



Henry Harney, W9FXQ, and Howard Severeid, W9DPL have discovered the corner druggist at the Harding Pharmacy, 21st and Harding St., in their neighborhood, peeking into an ARRL Q and A license manual when they were in the drugstore. An inquiry as to why he was reading such a publication instead of the the US Pharmacopoeia, gets the answer that he is hopeful of getting a novice class ham radio license. FXQ promptly fixed him up on details on learning the code and DPL loaned the druggist a code practice oscillator and both hams check up on him occasionally to see what progress he is making.

Ed Oxner, WN9PRZ at 2139 Catherwood with the phone number BL 5509 is doing fairly well on the band. He uses an SX-24 receiver.

WN9PIU Howard E. Bumgardner is out at Lawrence and recently added a EC453 Q5-er unit to his communications receiver to help slice the signals apart on the 3700-3750 CW band. He is interested in 2 meters and 42 MC also.

Bob Osterhouse, Wn9PSE, 5313 Carrollton, phone BR 1849 is interested in 2 meter work in addition to 80 meter novice activities. Any of you VHF boys in that vicinity give him a call and help him out.



WN9PNT, Robt. D. Harville, 530 S. Keystone Ave., phone IM 0408 is the owner of a brand new license. His XYL is at the code school at Tech high nite classes in hopes of getting on the air with her own call.

The only infor we have on WN9POB is that his name is Charles and his phone number is IR 4840. Someone send in more dope so we can give any aid needed. Then too other novices may know about him and his interests.

Gene Holler of 1144 West 30th St. employed at Naval Ordnance is waiting a novice license. Let us know if we can help you, Gene, when that long-awaited license arrives.

Don Hammer of Speedway took the novice license exam recently and is waiting the license. Hasn't gotten any equipment together yet, but it is rumored that when it arrives he can get on the air quickly if will contact other hams at the Esterline-Angus Company where he works. This according to Angum W9CYQ, Lucas, W9APJ, Butler, W9OVF, Severeid W9DPL, and Sivoletta, W9EVR. With all that gang, anyone could be placed on the air in quick time.

WN9PLB is Keith Blackwell, 1712 Elmhurst Drive. He is a cousin of Byron Fortner, W9FYM. Let us know what you are doing, Keith. Come on back to club meetings anytime.

Ronald Storm has the call WN9PPY and is located at 3745 $\frac{1}{2}$  Boulevard Place, phone number WA 4902. WN9PPY says his XYL is also learning what to write down for the dots and dashes and hopes to have her own call shortly after the next trip to town by the FCC examiner. The nice new NC183 receiver is reported by him to be FB. He says that his 8 watts power isn't enough but will increase power soon. His first two contacts resulted in 100% QSL being received. These contacts were with Byron Fortner, W9FYM and Howard Severeid, W9DPL.

Steve Smith who has a WN9 call up at Lebanon recently severed connections with the local newspaper where he was a staff photographer and will take up other employment. Steve is interested in both 80 CW and 2 meter voice operation.

Harry O. McGee 1936 N. Meridian has taken the Novice class exam and is awaiting that letter without any postage on it, it being from the FCC. He has one of the new National receivers with a built in Select-O-Jet and has a 6AG7-6L6 45 CW transmitter all ready to go on the air when the ticket arrives.

THE ABOVE NEWS CONCERN OUR NEWEST ARRIVALS TO THEIR BEGINNING OF HAM RADIO. WE WELCOME THEM TO OUR CLUB MEETINGS WHERE THEY CAN GET HELP TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS. WE WANT THEM TO SEND IN ITEMS OF THEIR DOINGS SO THAT WE CAN KNOW HOW THEY GET ALONG. JUST PLAIN WELCOME FELLOWS TO HAM RADIO AT ITS BEST.

#### MORE CONTRIBUTIONS

Henry Harney, W9FXQ reports his RME receiver recently gave him some trouble but he has it straightened out now and is active on 10 phone and 40-80 CW again with the Collins transmitter.

A request has come in to the club for mail from anyone having a few moments to spare with any news about amateur radio activities in our city. He is a former resident who now is in the army in Korea and is still interested in amateur radio. Let's drop a line to this fellow, His address is given at top of next page.



Cpl. Robert Lodge, RA15418657, HQ Co. I CO RPS, APO 358, % Postmaster San Francisco, Calif. This fellow gave an account of ham radio in Alaska at club some year back. Write him now.

Charley Manning, W9GGP, who drives a semi-trailer around the country had the misfortune to fall on the slippery ice in the East one day in December. He broke his collar-bone as a result of the fall and is now taking it easy at home here for a while before hitting the road again in February. Charley is on the air with a McMurdo-Silver layout and requests any local who hears him to give him a call.

There seems to be a scarcity of copper wire, as you fellows well know is you have attempted to buy any quantity lately. In many cases the stuff known as "Copper-Weld" which is steel wire coated with copper, will serve for antenna purposes. It is rumored that it is readily obtainable locally at a hardware store on the south side of West Michigan St. just west of Tibbs Ave.

W0DZG, Earl Linder of St. Louis Mo. who for a long time was W9DZG here in Indpls. is now working in Chicago thru the week, home on weekends and on 7004 KC CW each Sunday noon. He is looking for contacts from the boys in our area. Since leaving here, Earl worked in Ohio for a while, but he states he liked Indpls the best of all.

Harry Butler W9OVF recently had the task of cleaning up and testing a couple of the Micamold Condenser Corp. 45 watt 20-40-80 CW transmitters which were due to go to work in the Novice band and later to work the other bands as soon as the operators can get the general class licenses.

W9THM, Paul Hurley now living up on College Ave. is the proud owner of a new WRL Globe-King transmitter and likes it in every way.

Bob Goodman, W9FFF also has a WRL Globe King unit and you fellows who have worked him, heard him, visited his station, know he is well pleased with the unit and it is really working out swell for Bob.

The first part of the new year a newspaper report appeared from Georgetown, Ky. stating that radio station WGTC there at Georgetown College had been licensed and placed on the air for student listening. The station had been built up by two students for an expenditure of \$4.50 total. The article stated that junked radio parts or used materials were procured. This leads many of us to believe that the bargain-counter surplus parts were obtained some time in the long, long ago since the cost was \$4.50. Today's radio magazines show ads where-in prices are so inflated that such a budget wouldn't put much of a station on the air.

Harold D. Barton, W9PB, formerly of Power Conversion Corp. here in Indpls is now in the transformer business again according to reports.

One of our local hams is state archer champion - Perry Weffler, W0GAR.



Bob Baughn out in Ravenswood is highly interested in 420 and 144 megacycles, also works on 40 CW and on 6 meter bands. Bob says that Don Litwiller, W9HMP at 3311 S. Tacoma is looking for a BC348 type receiver. Any of you fellows not using yours anymore might be able to help Don out on that item.

F. M. Barton, W9IJP reports that he is now running a 10 meter mobile rig in his car.

Most of us at one time or another have known or heard of W4CA Middleton who formerly lived here, and who is now in Albuquerque, N. Mexico. He has held important ARRL posts and has been with CQ magazine. His mother still lives here in the Irvington area and recently W9DPL, Howard Severeid enjoyed seeing W4CA at a convention and the following weekend worked him on 20 meter CW and accepted traffic for his mother here. Howard used to know Middleton years ago when W4CA was courting the lady who now is the XYL of W4CA.

W9JLF, Charles E. Spurling lives at Greenfield and works at the WISH broadcast transmitter locally. Also reported at WISH transmitter are C. Schlagel and W9QB, Gordon Nutty as an extra operator. Jack Andrews is a new comer, W9YWE, formerly of Knox, Ind. and of South Bend, Ind. at the WISH transmitter now.

The National Company has been doing quite a business in the Indpls area recently with their NC-183 type receiver. The following fellows Norm Storm, WN0PPY; Howard Severeid, W9DPL; Bob Goodman, W9FFF; Poance Weakley, W9 ; and Marvin Robins, W9KPJ. All have acquired NC183 receivers and all of them seem to be perfectly satisfied with the units. W9KJF, Gene VanSickle had one advertised in QST Ham-Ads recently. He had another receiver that he was using but said that the NC183 is good as gold for ham purposes.

George Phillips, W9EMK recently disposed of a Lysco Grid Dip Oscillator, an Electro-Voice speech clipper and Bc946B receiver and now says he is going to sell his complete station due to other plans at W9EMK for the near future. Anyone wanting a tried and proven set-up from antenna down to power plug should get in touch with George at 1818 Arrow St. in the near future.

In the call book we find quite a few two letter calls listed locally, as many in fair proportion as any metropolitan area anywhere. Some of the locals with two letter call signs are as follows:

W9TT, W9NR, W9PB, W9PL, W9IV, W9JL, W9JP, W9LQ, W9QB, W9NH, W9NJ, W9LQ. How many of them do you know?. You'll also find two hams with the name of Depoy listed at 2201 and at 2203 E. New York St. W9GQT and W9FBB respectfully. Who knows the set up there? You'll find one local ham, James Sugioka, best known as W9CKB also holds the call W9IXR. Then there are two hams who are trustees of other stations, W9AKP, Phil Kennedy, who is chief at Naval Reserve station K9NR, also Howard Severeid, W9DPL who is trustee for station W9JP and Chief Operator for the Indianapolis Radio Club for the year 1952. There are several brother-ham combinations in town such as these examples: W9THM, Paul and W9MKM, Irv. Hurley, also W9JXH, Ron and W9RVL Lyle Montague, also the Trout brothers, Gordon, W9NNA and Carl W9COZ. What other oddities have YOU noticed in the call book lately.



D. J. Angus, W9CYQ was recently restricted to quarters and had to desist in some of his many activities for a short time. He had a slight case of sciatic trouble in the right leg, but is up and at 'em again. You can't keep a good man down, it says here.

W9HFQ the club station at Arsenal Technical Schools has about 17 high school boys interested at present in getting general or novice class licenses. Jerry Bramblett, W9POF is in charge of activities at that station. This also makes Jerry eligible for mention in the paragraph elsewhere of "oddities" such as being trustee of another station besides that of his own. This makes them priveleged or should we say required to be responsible for more than one log book. HI.

#### \* SILENT KEY

Melvin Osborne, W9CCJ aged 53 passed away Monday Jan. 21st. at his home 2450 N. Dearborn St. Mel had been ill for 3 months or more and we had just invited friends to call at his home when the word was received of his death.

Mel had been licensed for 20 years and held the post of treasurer in the Indianapolis Radio Club a few years back.

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